

MINUTES OF THE JONESTOWN CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING HELD JUNE 11, 2020, 7:30 P.M., AT THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER, 18649 FM 1431, SUITE 3A, JONESTOWN, TEXAS

Paul Johnson, Mayor	Eric Davis (Place 1)	Dave Nelsen (Place 4)
Tom Buckle, Mayor Pro Tem, Place 2	Rod Schaffner (Place 3)	Linda Bush (Place 5)

This meeting was open to in-person attendance by the public. To mitigate the spread of COVID-19, attendees were asked to observe social distancing guidelines and wear face masks. Hand sanitizer and disposable face masks were available at the door. Citizen comments were accepted prior to the meeting by e-mail and phone and provided to council members before the meeting.

Council Present: Mayor Johnson, Mayor Pro Tem Buckle, Alderman Nelsen, Alderwoman Bush, Alderman Davis.

Absent: Alderman Schaffner.

Staff present: City Administrator Jones, Chief Taylor, Commander Headrick, Public Works Director Herrera, Parks Director Gyergyo, Finance Director Del Re, Development Coordinator Jolly, Library Director Hodges, City Secretary Austin.

A. ITEMS OPENING MEETING

1. CALL TO ORDER, ESTABLISH QUORUM, DECLARE MEETING OPEN

Mayor Johnson announced a quorum present and opened the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. ANNOUNCEMENTS: ITEMS OF COMMUNITY INTEREST

(In accordance with Government Code Title 5, Subtitle A, Chapter 551, Sect. 551.0415)

Alderwoman Bush noted the Library is open again, and part of the new furnishings are in place.

4. REPORTS AND UPDATES

a. Quarterly report from the Planning & Zoning Commission

A written report was provided.

b. Council Committee reports:

Alderman Nelsen reported for the first three committees, noting discussion of the following items, all to be addressed on this meeting agenda:

- Planning & Economic Development Committee: an amended plat in Ranchland Hills, conditional use permit for a short-term rental at 18220 Sandy Street, and appointment of the floodplain administrator.
- Public Works Committee: disposal of a 2008 truck, payment to Austin Underground (noting the Old Burnet Road project is on schedule to be completed in July and is within the budget), and carpet replacement in the Community Center.
- Finance Committee: auditor engagement letter for the 2020 fiscal year, proposals for mobile phone equipment, resources needed for Jones Brothers Park, and purchase of a new truck for Public Works.

- Public Safety Committee: Alderman Davis noted discussion of agreements for municipal court assistance services and collection services, aircraft operations in city parks, and security and safety issues in Jones Brothers Park.

B. CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS

In accordance with the Open Meetings Act, Council is prohibited from discussing (other than factual responses to specific questions) or acting on any items brought before them at this time.

Chris Bilich, 12901 Wire Road, Leander, requested Council consider allowing him a commercial interim use permit to launch one rental boat.

C. GENERAL BUSINESS AND ACTION ITEMS

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:

The Consent Agenda includes routine and non-controversial items that may be acted upon with one single vote. There will be no separate discussion of these items; however, Any Councilmember may request an item be pulled from the Consent Agenda in order that it be discussed and acted upon individually as part of the Regular Agenda.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

May 14, 2020, regular meeting

May 21, 2020, special called meeting

- 2. Consideration and possible action to approve a replat of Lots 35-37 and 44-48, Ranchland Hills Subdivision.**
- 3. Consideration and possible action to adopt a resolution declaring city property and/or equipment to be surplus to the City's needs and authorizing the mayor to dispose of such property in a manner which is beneficial to the City of Jonestown (Public Works 2008 Ford F-250 truck).**
- 4. Consideration and possible action to approve engagement of Singleton, Clark & Company, PC to perform audit services for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2020.**
- 5. Consideration and possible action to appoint Development Services Manager Cindy Jolly as Floodplain Administrator for the City of Jonestown.**
- 6. Consideration and possible action to approve purchase of two Stalker MC360 message trailers, using HOT funds.**

Mayor Pro Tem Buckle moved to approve the consent agenda items, seconded by Alderman Nelsen. **The motion passed unanimously.**

REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS:

Mayor Johnson announced that he would be changing the order of the agenda to address Item Number 8 at this time.

8. Consider, discuss and take any action necessary regarding plans for improvements to Jones Brothers Park and adoption of additional park fees.

City Administrator Jones spoke of the overcrowding at the Park, noting staff has tried several things to control crowds, with marginal success. He presented information on proposals for improvements to the park, which could be completed in phases, and on implementation of entrance fees. Public Works Director Herrera and Parks Director Gyergyó provided additional information on the proposals. After discussion, Council took comments from the public: Colleen O'Brien, 10404 Lakeside, requested council take action to charge non-residents to enter the park, increase the daily launch fee, fund permanent restrooms, add additional features to the VenTek machine, have the Park Board review park improvement plans, and start enforcing regulations after a grace period. Dean Kornegay, 10612 Lakeside, opposes closing the park and asked to have the piles of asphalt and rock removed from the parking area. Theodore Ho, 10512 Lakeside submitted a questions about public health and safety due to crowding and maximum capacity for the park. Anna Betos, 17902 Crystal Cove, expressed support for closing the park until after July 4th, and suggested visitors make reservations and purchase passes ahead of time to visit the park. Zee Zaccardi thanked the City for their efforts. Jim Etherton, Park Board member, suggested information be sent to media outlets.

Mayor Pro Tem Buckle moved to approve an ordinance amending Article 1.12, Parks and Recreation, to adopt regulations related to the use and enjoyment of Jones Brothers Park. Alderman Nelsen seconded, with a request that Items B4 and B11 be remove from the ordinance; Mayor Pro Tem Buckle agreed and amended the motion accordingly. **The motion passed unanimously.**

Mayor Pro Tem Buckle moved to close Jones Brothers Park to anything but city events and boat launches on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays until a method can be implemented for charging non-residents for the use of the park. After discussion, Mayor Pro Tem Buckle amended the motion to add further clarification: the closings will take effect on June 19, 2020, and allowed boat launches will be for motorized boats only, not kayaks (or other non-motorized craft). Alderman Nelsen seconded the motion. **The motion passed unanimously.**

At conclusion of this item, Mayor Johnson returned to consideration of Item 7.

7. Consider, discuss and take any action necessary on a request by Pax Property Group LLC for a Conditional Use Permit in accordance with Chapter 14: Zoning Code, Sec. 14.02.081(b)(7) Conditional Uses, of the City of Jonestown Code of Ordinances, for a short term rental in an R-1 single family residential district for property located at 18220 Sandy Street, Lot 651 Blk C Jonestown Hills Unit 5), Jonestown, Texas. (postponed from the May 14, 2020, council meeting)

Ben Zinnecker, attorney for Mr. Britt and Pax Property Group, addressed the council regarding the request, and he and Mr. Britt answered questions. Marilee Pfannstiel, 18216 Sandy, spoke in opposition to the permit, noting the neighborhood petition against the permit that was previously submitted. After discussion and hearing additional comments

from several in attendance, Alderman Davis moved to approve the request. Alderman Nelsen offered an amendment that staff fast-track establishing an overlay district in which short-term rentals can be permitted, accepted by Alderman Davis. Mayor Pro Tem Buckle seconded the motion. **The motion passed 3 to 1, with Alderman Nelsen opposed.**

9. **Consider, discuss and take any action necessary regarding providers of cellular service and phone equipment for city staff mobile phones.**

Quotes were received from AT&T, T-Mobile, and Verizon. Alderman Nelsen moved to approve an agreement with T-Mobile for cell service and phones, seconded by Alderman Davis. **The motion passed unanimously.**

10. **Consider, discuss and take any action necessary regarding a Contract for the Collection of Delinquent Municipal Court Fines and Fees between McCreary, Veselka, Bragg & Allen, P.C., and the City of Jonestown.**

Alderman Nelsen moved to approve the contract with McCreary, Veselka, Bragg & Allen. Mayor Pro Tem Buckle seconded the motion. **The motion passed unanimously.**

11. **Consider, discuss and take any action necessary regarding an interlocal agreement for municipal court assistance services between the City of Lago Vista and the City of Jonestown.**

Alderwoman Bush moved to approve the agreement with Lago Vista, seconded by Alderman Davis. **The motion passed unanimously.**

12. **Consider, discuss and take any action necessary regarding approval and authorization of payment for Pay Application #10 from Austin Underground, Inc. for the Old Burnet Road Improvement Project for \$156,679.50.**

Director Herrera reported the project is on schedule, with good inspections and testing results. Alderman Davis moved to approve the pay request, seconded by Alderman Nelsen. **The motion passed unanimously.**

13. **Consider, discuss and take any action necessary regarding authorizing purchase of a new pickup truck for Public Works.**

Mayor Pro Tem Buckle moved to approve authorizing the purchase. Alderman Davis seconded the motion. **The motion passed unanimously.**

14. **Consider, discuss and take any action necessary regarding an ordinance of the City of Jonestown, Texas, amending Article 8.02 entitled "Prohibited Activities on City Property" to adopt regulations related to the prohibition on paramotors, and similar aircrafts, taking off from or landing in city parks in order to prevent dangerous and unlawful behavior, and declaring a nuisance.**

This ordinance would only restrict manned aircraft, not drones or radio-controlled aircraft. Alderman Nelsen moved to approve the ordinance. Mayor Pro Tem Buckle seconded the motion. **The motion passed unanimously.**

15. Consider, discuss and take any action necessary regarding flooring replacement in the Travis County Rural Community Center.

Alderman Nelsen moved to approve the proposal from Carpet Stop for the flooring replacement. Alderwoman Bush seconded the motion. **The motion passed unanimously.**

16. Consider, discuss and take any action necessary regarding a Change Order from Austin Underground for the Old Burnet Road Improvement Project.


Director Herrera briefly explained the need for the change order. Alderman Nelsen moved to approve the change order. Alderman Davis seconded the motion. **The motion passed unanimously.**

D. ADJOURNMENT

Alderman Nelsen moved to adjourn, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Buckle. **The motion passed unanimously.** Mayor Johnson adjourned the meeting at 9:53 p.m.

PASSED AND APPROVED AT A REGULAR MEETING HELD ON JULY 9, 2020.




Paul Johnson, Mayor

ATTEST:


Rachel Austin, City Secretary